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SUBJECT: LICENSING OF FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS AS U.S.

CUSTOM BROKERS

REF: ROME 6790

1. U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN-OWNED BROKERAGE FIRMS CAN OBTAIN LICESNES TO OPERATE IN ISRAEL IN THE SAME WAY AS ISRAELI FIRMS, PROVIDED THEY HAVE AN ADDRESS IN ISRAEL AND COMPLY WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS. THERE ARE NO KNOWN LOCAL LAWS PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING LICENSING OF U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS, TO FOREIGNERS.

2. HOWEVER, TO OBTAIN A LICENSE IN ISRAEL AS CUSTOMS BROKER, ONE MUST: (A) SERVE PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR WITH A LICENSED BROKER; (B) PASS EXAMINIATION TO BECOME CUSTOMS BROKERS' EMPLOYEE; (C) WORK THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS AS CUSTOM BROKERS' EMPLOYEE (D) PASS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION ON ISRAELI CUSTOMS LAW AND PARCTICE; (E) ENJOY GOOD REPUTATION. IN PRACTICE IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT FIVE YEARS OF LOCAL EXPERIENCE TO BECOME ISRAELI CUSTOMS BROKER. PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THESE REGULATIONS WOULD SEEM TO BE TO OBLIGE AN AMERICAN FIRM TO HIRE ISRAELIS.

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3. THERE ARE NO U.S. FIRMS CURRENTLY OPERATING AS CUSTOMS

BROKERS IN ISRAEL.THE BUSINESS IS OVERCROWDED, WITH OVER 200  
LICENSED BROKERS OPERATING.  
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